

1 What is claimed:

2 *Sub 2* 1. A method of marking a skin for a vehicle interior trim panel comprising:

3 providing a skin with a color and an outer skin surface;

4 applying a laser to said outer skin surface such that a portion of the skin surface contacted by

5 said laser changes color relative to a portion of said outer skin surface not contacted by said laser to

6 create a marking in the outer skin surface indicating the presence of a vehicle component or

7 function.

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